



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

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NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ONCE AGAIN SHINES BRIGHTLY ON CITY OF HARTFORD

(January 4, 2005)--- For the third time in two weeks, the City of Hartford is basking in the national news spotlight. The New York Times is featuring the positive aspects of living in Connecticut's Capital City. This article comes on the heels of Mayor Eddie A. Perez being featured in the San Diego Union-Tribune as that city changes to a strong mayor form of government and USA Today doing a cover story about Hartford being a great destination for young professionals to live and work.

Mayor Perez says, "The nation is taking notice of Hartford's positive momentum." He adds, "People from all around can see how the Capital City is moving in the right direction, improving the quality of life for all of its residents."

Mayor Perez continues, "When folks come to visit Hartford, we want them to come back again and stay even longer. The more feet on the street, the more vibrant the city becomes."

Once again, Hartford's Arts and Entertainment receive high marks as a major draw to the city.

Mayor Perez says, "The Arts help fuel our local economy and at the same time, fill our senses with beauty, soul, and intensity. I'm proud to say that Hartford has one of the richest and strongest arts and heritage markets in the country."

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